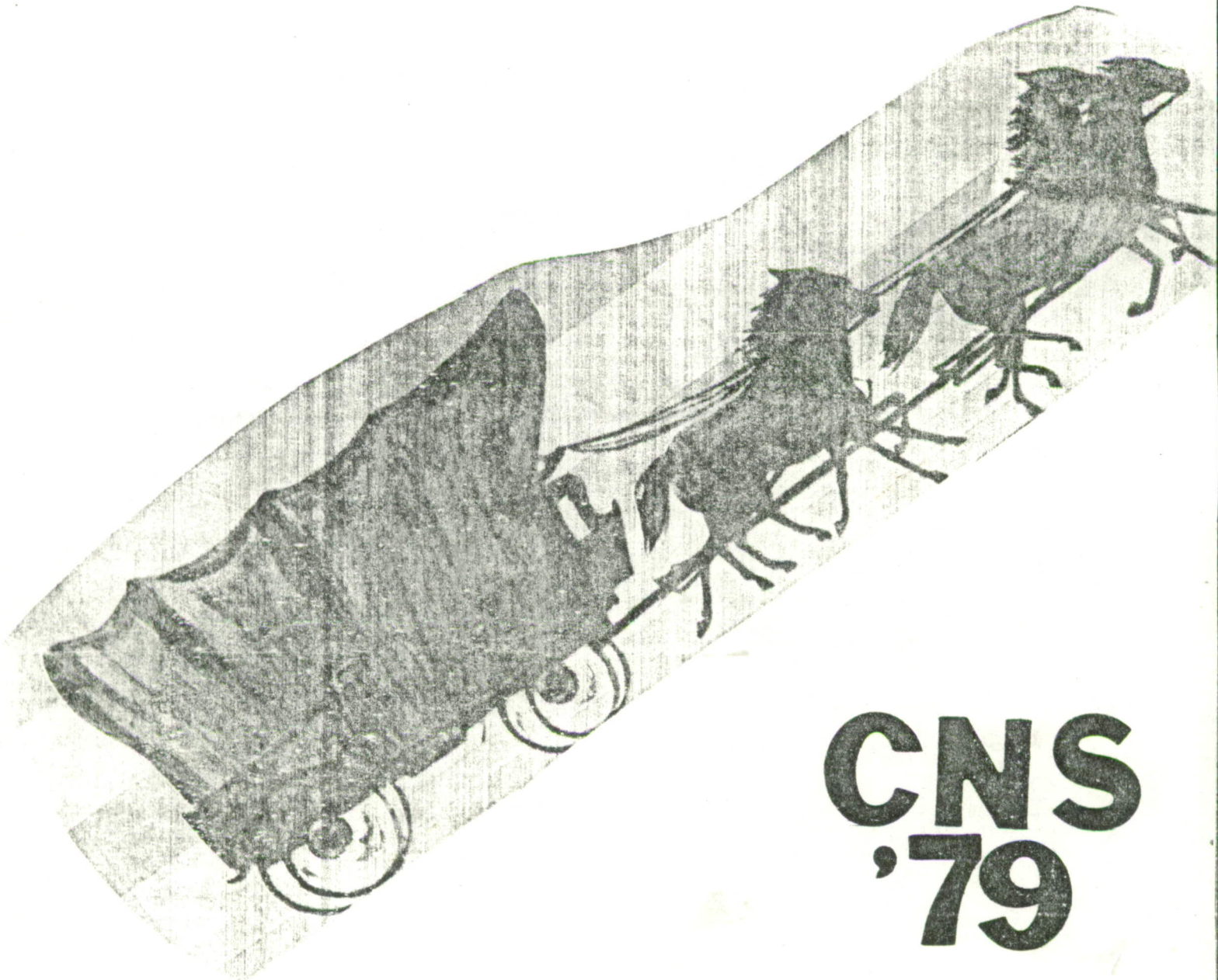


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VITAL STATISTICS

Las Vegas - F.A.A. Symbol LAS - also known as LV is the largest city in Nevada. Its metropolitan area, which includes the cities of North Las Vegas, Boulder City and Henderson, has a population of over 400,000 people.

It is one of the fastest growing cities in the world. In 1950 Las Vegas numbered less than 25,000 residents.

Las Vegas is not only the "live entertainment capitol in the world", but because of its climate and facilities, it is in great demand for conventions, some of which have attracted close to 50,000 people at one time.

WEATHER

The climate is a semi-arid desert with hot summers and mild winters. In October the weather is usually delightful. The daytime temperatures range between 80 and 90 degrees and at night between 55 and 65 degrees with very low humidity, making outdoor sports and traveling very comfortable.

WEARING APPAREL

Las Vegas is very casual. Comfortable clothes are worn both in the daytime and at night. Jackets are at times requested in some of the more deluxe restaurants. Ties are very rarely worn even at meetings, restaurants or shows.

The ladies also dress casually, though frequently evening affairs are attended in long gowns or dressy pantsuits.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO TRAVELERS

A. LIGHT PLANE PILOTS:

The Southwest offers relaxing and fascinating flying, a combination of desert and mountain flying, with usual visibility of 50 to 75 miles in October and smooth air, especially at 9,000 to 12,000 feet. These are also recommended altitudes if flying IFR even in VFR weather. Frequently the radar may not pick you up below that because of the mountain ranges.

Problems do exist and it is better to prevent them than fight them. It is very easy to get lost in mountain ranges and deserted valleys as they frequently blend, becoming confusing to the unfamiliar flyer.

A. Light Plane Pilots (contd)

If at all possible, fly the Navoids - maybe longer but safer, or very prominent landmarks that stretch out for many miles, such as the Colorado River. Always check the weather. Clear air turbulence and mountain waves may be right in front of your nose but you won't see them until buffeted around.

If flying VFR, always check with Flight Watch on 122.0. Both McCarran International and North Las Vegas (VGT) offer good ground facilities. Las Vegas has a TCA Group II.

B. HIGHWAYS:

By road the Southwest has excellent communications, beautiful highways. The speed limit is rather strictly enforced, even on long stretches of straight road. Distance between major cities are considerable and the roads are punctuated only by small towns or a few houses, and frequently with no facilities. It is a cardinal rule for desert road traveling always to carry a plastic jug of water of about one or two gallons, either in the back seat or in the trunk. The second rule is try to keep your gasoline tank as full as possible in that frequently one may travel 150 to 200 miles without available facilities. The air conditioning must be working properly, even though it is not crucial during the early fall months. Information on road conditions can be obtained in Southern Nevada by dialing 702-385-9181, and in Northern Nevada the number is 702-793-1313.

RESTAURANTS

This list is biased in that many of the restaurants have been personally Herculei-tested (*) and therefore they will reflect a personalized rating. The restaurants without the (*) have not been Herculei-tested, but known to us as good restaurants by people whose taste we trust.

SEAFOOD

- LIGHTHOUSE* Riviera Hotel. 734-5110. Superb. exceptionally recommendable - our favorite. The best abalone east of the Pacific Coast and the best soft shell crabs outside the Chesapeake Bay. Expensive. Good wine list.
- DOME OF THE* Dunes Hotel. 737-4110. Fair. Good wine list. Elegant SEA room. Expensive.
- MOBY DICK* Stardust Hotel. 732-6325. Usually very good. Moderately expensive. Bouillabaisse, lobster are the favorite dishes.
- QUARTERDECK* Mint Hotel (downtown). 385-7440 Good. Abalone, lobster and oysters are the best dishes. Nice atmosphere.
- LOBSTER* 953 East Sahara in Commercial Square. 734-0023. Good. TRAP Relatively inexpensive. No atmosphere but wholesome food and New England type of clambake.

Seafood Restaurants (contd)

JOE'S OYSTER BAR Silverbird Hotel. 735-4111. Strongly recommended dish is lobster pan roast (large pieces of lobster in a bisque-type soup). Moderately expensive.

ORIENTAL

DON THE* BEACHCOMBER Sahara Hotel. 737-2111. Fairly good. Moderately priced. Good combination of Polynesian food.

AKU AKU* Stardust Hotel. 732-6325. Fairly good. Variety of Polynesian food.

BENIHANA* VILLAGE Hilton Hotel. 732-5111. Good combination of Japanese food.

AH SO* Caesars Palace. 731-7110. Highly recommendable. Excellent food. Delightful atmosphere. One set menu except for soup. Food cooked in front of you Japanese style.

PEKING* MARKET Flamingo Hotel. 733-3111. Fair. Well decorated room.

OSAKA 4205 West Sahara. 876-4988. Japanese style.

FRENCH

GIGI'S MGM Grand Hotel. 739-4111. Good. Expensive.

PALACE COURT* Caesars Palace. 731-7110. Good. Very expensive (overpriced). Good choice of dishes.

MONTE CARLO* Desert Inn Hotel. 733-4444. Good. Expensive. Good choice of dishes. Nice atmosphere.

LE PETIT MOZART 3309 Las Vegas Blvd. South. 735-1296. Reported as good. Moderate prices.

TIFFANY ROOM* Tropicana Hotel. 739-2222. Good. Elegant. Nice atmosphere. Excellent service.

STEAK HOUSES

BEEF BARRON Flamingo Hotel. 733-3111. Good food. Moderately expensive.

BARONSHIRE* ROOM Hilton Hotel. 732-5111. Very good. Roast beef is the only entree - several cuts. Expensive. Chocolate souffle for dessert is a must, even for people like us who do not care for dessert.

Steakhouses (contd)

- STEAK HOUSE MGM Hotel. 739-4111. Good Expensive.
- STEAK HOUSE Hacienda Hotel. 739-8911. Good. Excellent beef. Very small room. Reservations are a must in advance.
- BOB TAYLOR'S* North Rancho & Ranch House Road, located approximately
RANCH HOUSE 5 to 6 miles north of Las Vegas on Tonopah Highway
& SUPPER CLUB and shortly after Craig Road on the right side.
645-1399. Excellent beef, specially catered by the owner.
- GOLDEN STEER* 308 West Sahara Ave. 384-4470. Good. Excellent roast beef of gigantic dimensions and veal cutlet with Italian flavor.

GERMAN

None of the following restaurants have been personally tested but all reported to have good food.

- ALPINE VILLAGE 3003 Paradise Road. 734-6888
- AVARIAN CHALET 3430 East Tropicana. 451-4818
- BLACK FOREST 230 West Sahara. 384-8729
- HILTON BAVARIAN ROOM Hilton Hotel. 732-5111

CONTINENTAL

- BACCHANAL* Caesars Palace. 731-7110. Very good. 7-course meal. Expensive. A little too much to eat but leave room for the dessert.
- HOUSE OF* LORDS Sahara Hotel. 737-2111. Excellent. Short menu but real gourmet type.
- SULTAN'S* TABLE Dunes Hotel. 737-4110. Good. Wide choice of entrees. Nice atmosphere. Your ears delighted by strolling violins.
- TOP OF THE* STRIP Dunes Hotel. 737-4110. Very good. Large variety of food but duck is their specialty. Expensive.
- IMPERIAL* CROWN Hilton Hotel. 732-5111. Very good. Excellent service and atmosphere.
- REGENCY ROOM* Sands Hotel. 733-5000. Fairly good. Good variety of food.

Restaurants (contd)

MEXICAN

VIVA ZAPATA Two locations. 4972. S. Maryland Pkwy. (Camelot Shopping Center). 736-6630.
3540 W. Sahara Ave. (near the Spanish Oaks Center)
873-7228. Reported as being fair to good.

EL JARDIN 610 E. Naples Drive. 732-3869. Recommendable.

SPANISH

SPANISH STEPS* Caesars Palace. 731-7110. Very good. Excellent Spanish atmosphere. Very expensive. 7-course meal - no choices except soup and entree. Veal Granada highly recommendable.

MIXED COMBINATION RESTAURANTS

PORT TACK* 3190 W. Sahara (Spanish Oaks). 873-3345. Good. Excellent filet mignon and Alaskan king crablegs. Excellent bar. Excellent salad bar. Very informal. Moderate prices.

LIBRARY* 200 W. Sahara. 384-5200. Good. Fairly expensive. Excellent for lunch.

CHATEAU VEGAS* 565 E. Desert Inn Road. 733-8282. Good. Italian flavored. Excellent veal. Fairly expensive.

BREWERY* 3824 Paradise Road. 731-1050. Fairly good. Very informal. Disco. Open 24 hours a day.

LORD BYRON* Tropicana Hotel. 739-2222. Very good. Old English tradition. Quaint.

BARRYMORE* MGM Grand Hotel. 739-4111. Excellent. Marvelous service. Excellent choice of well-prepared dishes. Expensive.

PEPPERMILL* 2985 Las Vegas Blvd. South. 735-4177. Good, primarily for lunch. All entrees served with fruit.

SABER ROOM Aladdin Hotel. 736-0111. Reputedly good. Expensive.

MT. CHARLES-* Take route 95 North toward Reno, after 15 or 20 miles there is the Kyle Canyon Road turn-off. Keep climbing to Angel Road. Continue straight ahead to the lodge. Breathtaking sunrise for early risers. Nice view of the mountains and desert. For reservations dial the no-toll Las Vegas exchange number 385-2211. Otherwise, the lodge number is 872-5408.

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Restaurants (contd)

ITALIAN

It is the opinion of the authors of this guide that Las Vegas does not offer, in their estimation, a high class Italian restaurant and therefore none are suggested or recommended by the authors.

SHOPPING GUIDE

Most of the hotels offer a great variety of articles from souvenirs to high fashion clothes and jewelry. Outside shopping is easily provided by two well furnished and varied malls where one may find prices not to be so inflated. The Meadows Mall in the northwest area of the city, and the Boulevard Mall is in the southeast area. Both malls are easily reachable, accessible by taxi or your own driving. Other recommendable specialty shops are:

ART GALLERIES

ADOBE GALLERY 3110 Las Vegas Blvd. South. Art & jewelry

GRAND GALLERY MGM Grand Hotel.

JAMARI GALLERY MGM Grand Hotel.

GREEN APPLE 4800 S. Maryland Pkwy.
GALLERY

LAS VEGAS Aladdin Hotel
GALLERY ART
GROUP

SERENDIPITY MGM Grand Hotel
GALLERY

ANTIQUES

GRAND ANTIQUE MGM Grand Hotel
SHOP

MANN HART- 1149 S. Maryland Pkwy.
FORD INTERIOR
DESIGN

MANY Hilton Hotel. Oriental.
SPLENDORED
THINGS

MICKEY FINN'S 1160 E. Twain

Note: See phone book for other antique shops.

Shopping Guide (contd)

SPECIALTY SHOPS

- GOURMET FACTORY. 5025 S. Eastern.
- BERTHA'S. 896 E. Sahara. Furniture, gifts, fine jewelry.
- JACK SLOTE'S. 953 E. Sahara. Ladies apparel.
- JOSEPH MAGNIN. 3201 Las Vegas Blvd. South. Ready-to-wear
- INSPIRATIONS. 3585 S. Maryland Pkwy. Designer clothing.
- JACKMAN'S. 3205 Las Vegas Blvd. S. Men's clothing.
- REGENCY ORIGINALS. 2797 S. Maryland Pkwy. (Sunrise City Shopping Center) Ladies apparel
- STEVE GORDON. McCarran Airport & also at 3576 S. Maryland Pkwy. (Boulevard Shopping Mall)

TOYS

- FIDDLESTIX. Aladdin Hotel and Mini Mall Plaza (on the strip)
- HONEY BEAR TOYS. Meadows Mall.
- KIDS, INC.. Riviera Hotel
- NANCY'S PLAYHOUSE. MGM Grand Hotel & Caesars Palace
- TREASURE COVE. Hilton Hotel.

SPORTS

- GOLF: Because of our weather it is possible to golf practically 365 days a year.
- BOULDER CITY MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE. Buchanan Blvd. 293-3536.
9 hole, par 37. Greens fee - 9 hole \$3.00; 18 hole \$5.00
- BLACK MOUNTAIN COUNTRY CLUB. Henderson, Nevada. 565-7933.
(semi-private) 18 hole, par 72. Greens fee \$5.00 weekdays;
\$7.00 weekends and holidays. Mandatory carts \$10.00
- CRAIG RANCH GOLF CLUB. 628 W. Craig Road, North Las Vegas. 642-9700.
Public. 18 hole, par 68. Greens fee \$3.50 all day for 9 holes.
\$4.50 all day for 18 holes. Mandatory carts \$5.00 for 9 holes
and \$8.00 for 18 holes.

GOLF (contd)

- DESERT INN COUNTRY CLUB. Desert Inn Hotel. 733-4444.
18 hole, par 72. Greens fee \$25.00. Hughes hotel guests \$18.00.
Mandatory carts \$7.00 per person.
- DUNES EMERALD GREEN COUNTRY CLUB RESORT. Dunes Hotel. 737-4749.
18 hole, par 72. Greens fee: Hotel guests \$10.00; outside guests
\$17.00. Mandatory carts \$14.00
- LAS VEGAS MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE. Decatur & Washington Blvd. 878-4665.
Public. 18 hole, par 72. Greens fee \$3.00 before 8:00 A.M. -
9 holes (backside). \$3.00 after 5:00 P.M. either side. \$5.50 all
day. \$3.00 extra for 9 holes after the first 18 holes. Mandatory
carts \$5.00 for 9 holes. \$9.00 for 18 holes. Ladies \$4.50 on
Tuesdays.
- NORTH LAS VEGAS COMMUNITY GOLF COURSE. 324 W. Brooks Ave. North Las
Vegas. 649-7171. Greens fee \$2.00 weekdays, \$3.00 weekends and
holidays. \$1.00 seniors. \$1.50 students.
- PARADISE VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB. 7100 S. Lamb Blvd. 451-2106.
Semiprivate. 18 hole, par 72. Greens fee \$12.00 all guests.
Mandatory carts \$12.00.
- SAHARA NEVADA COUNTRY CLUB RESORT. Desert Inn Road. 735-7070.
18 hole, par 71. Greens fee \$14.00 with mandatory cart.
- TROPICANA COUNTRY CLUB RESORT. Tropicana Road across from Tropicana
Hotel. 739-2579. 18 hole, par 70. Greens fee \$17.00.
Mandatory cart \$14.00.
- WINTERWOOD GOLF CLUB. 8314 E. Sahara Ave. 452-8314.
Public. 18 hole, par 71. Greens fee \$3.50 weekdays; \$4.50
weekends and holidays; \$3.00 after 3:00 P.M. every day.
- All greens fees subject to change with the exceptions of the Las Vegas
Municipal Golf Course, North Las Vegas Community Golf Course and
Winterwood Golf Club.

TENNIS

- CAMBRIDGE TOWERS & RACQUET CLUB. 3890 S. Swenson. 735-8153.
10 indoor courts, 4 outdoor, all lighted. 3 racquet ball courts,
7:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M.. Court fees - tennis \$15.00 per hour;
racquet ball \$10.00 per hour. No membership required. Anybody
can play.

Tennis (contd)

BALI HAI. 734-2141. Two courts, not lighted. \$4.00 per person per hour.

CAESARS PALACE. 735-6797. 8 outdoor courts. Hotel guests reservation.
No court fees.

IMPERIAL PALACE. 735-4333, extension 703. 2 courts, no fees, unmanned.
Reservations required.

HACIENDA HOTEL. 739-8911. 6 outdoor courts, 2 lighted. Reservations
for hotel guests. Open court only. Non-guests, no fees.

LAS VEGAS RACQUET CLUB. 9001 Industrial Road. 361-2202. Private.
Open to public. 6 courts lighted. Court fees: non-members \$5.00
per person per day.

MGM GRAND HOTEL. 739-4111. 10 courts, 4 lighted. Fees - \$3.00 per
person per day for non-hotel guests.

RIVIERA HOTEL. 734-5110. 10 courts, 3 lighted. Reservations for hotel
guests with no fees. Open court only on non-guests with a fee of
\$3.00 per person per hour.

SANDS HOTEL. 733-5000. 4 courts lighted. Reservations. Hotel guests
\$2.00 per hour. Non-hotel guests \$3.00 per hour.

TROPICANA HOTEL. 739-2222. 8 indoor courts. 2 outdoor courts. 5 handball
courts and 5 racquet ball courts. Reservations required. Fees for non-
guests from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at \$4.00 per person per hour.
4:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. \$6.00 per person per hour.

The following hotels and clubs have facilities only for their own guests
but at times they make exceptions; therefore, check with the hotel itself
or with the bell captain at Caesars Palace:

Desert Inn, Frontier Hotel, Jockey Club, Las Vegas Hilton, Stardust Hotel.

BOATING

Lake Mead offers a well-renowned variety of water sports such as boating,
fishing, and water skiing. In October the weather permits these sports
activities without any restriction. There are excellent marinas along
the lake shore road from Las Vegas Beach to Boulder Beach. For the more
adventuresome, Lake Mead is an extremely intriguing and delightful lake
to explore; however, before anybody goes away from the shoreline they
should inquire locally in that several accidents have occurred to the
unaware boater because of sudden localized patches of wind and turbu-
lence. Fishing is an everyday, year round sport with good sized bass to
be hooked by your line. Best information can be obtained either at the
guest's desk or at the bell captain's desk at Caesars Palace.

ATTRACTIONS

- MT. CHARLESTON: 36 miles from Las Vegas and resorts. Winter skiing, picnicking, hiking and horseback riding. Tours available.
- DEATH VALLEY: 135 miles from Las Vegas. 40 minutes by plane. 2½ hours by car. Lowest point on American continent (280 feet below sea level). Zabriskie Point, 20-Mule Team Canyon, Scotty's Castle, the Devil's Golf Course and other points of interest. Tours available.
- LAKE MEAD: 25 miles from Las Vegas. Over 500 miles of shoreline. Swimming, water skiing, camping, boating and fishing. Tours available.
- HOOVER DAM: 25 miles from Las Vegas. Tallest concrete dam in the Western Hemisphere. 726 feet high from bedrock. Tours available.
- BONNIE SPRINGS: 25 miles from Las Vegas. Restored Old West Town with live western dramas, shops and restaurants. Tours available.
- VALLEY OF FIRE STATE PARK: 55 miles from Las Vegas. Scenic landscapes of hidden canyons and rock formations. Petroglyphs and remains of ancient Indian civilizations. Tours available.
- GRAND CANYON: 300 miles from Las Vegas. 1½ hour flight by airplane. 1 or 2 days and 1 night. Tours available.

GHOST TOWNS

- POTOSI: 25 miles southwest of Las Vegas. Located on Old Spanish Trail. State's oldest lode mine.
- GOOD SPRINGS: 35 miles southwest of Las Vegas. A booming mining town around the turn of the century.
- SANDY VALLEY: 48 miles southwest of Las Vegas. Contains the ghost town of Sandy and an old gold mine.
- ELDORADO CANYON: 40 miles southwest of Las Vegas. Dotted with old mining activity in a narrow, rugged canyon.
- SEARCHLIGHT: 55 miles south of Las Vegas. Bustling mining center in 1902-1909. Gem fields nearby.

MUSEUMS

CORN CREEK FIELD STATION, DESERT NATIONAL
WILDLIFE RANGE

HOOVER DAM and Topographical Display and Information
Center.

LAKE MEAD VISITOR CENTER

LOST CITY OF ARCHEOLOGY

SOUTHERN NEVADA MUSEUM

UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA/ Las Vegas Mineral Collection

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

VALLEY OF FIRE VISITORS CENTER

ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NEVADA.